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SUBJECT: SITREP--VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

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- 1. NUMBER OF REFUGEES ARRIVING HONG KONG MAY 4 ON CLARA MAERSK IS NOW ESTIMATED AT 3,972 FOLLOWING INITIAL PROCESSING BY HKG. LOCAL ICEM OFFICE STILL HAS NEITHER AUTHORITY FROM ICEM HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA NOR PERMISSION FROM HKG TO BEGIN SCREENING AND CATEGORIZING.
- 2. NEW REFUGEES ARRIVING IN HONG KONG DURING PAST 24 HOURS INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY 30 ON BOARD FISHING BOAT. TWELVE OF THESE, HEADED BY FORMER ARVN LIEUTENANT COLONEL, CAME TO CONGEN AND WERE, IN TURN, HANDED OVER TO HKG IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO THIS GROUP, ABOUT 18 OTHERS ON BOARD FISHING BOAT WERE ETHNIC CHINESE WITH FRIENDS OR RELATIVES IN HONG KONG AND HAVE ALREADY DISAPPEARED INTO THE CITY.
- 3. ADDITIONALLY, SIX VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE BEEN IN HONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KONG ILLEGALLY FOR ABOUT A YEAR HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO

ISS FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROCESSING UNDER 203(A)7.

4. MOST PRESSING PROBLEM AT THIS TIME IS AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE LAONG THE TOKEN GROUP OF 67 REFUGEES FROM SWISS AIR AND AIR AMERICA FLIGHTS, WHO HAVE BEEN IN HKG IMMIGRATION DETENTION FOR ONE WEEK. ICEM GENEVA HAS INFORMED LOCAL ICEM OFFICE THAT THESE 67 MAY BE MOVED TO GUAM BUT CITED NO AUTHORITY FOR THIS STATEMENT. CROSS

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